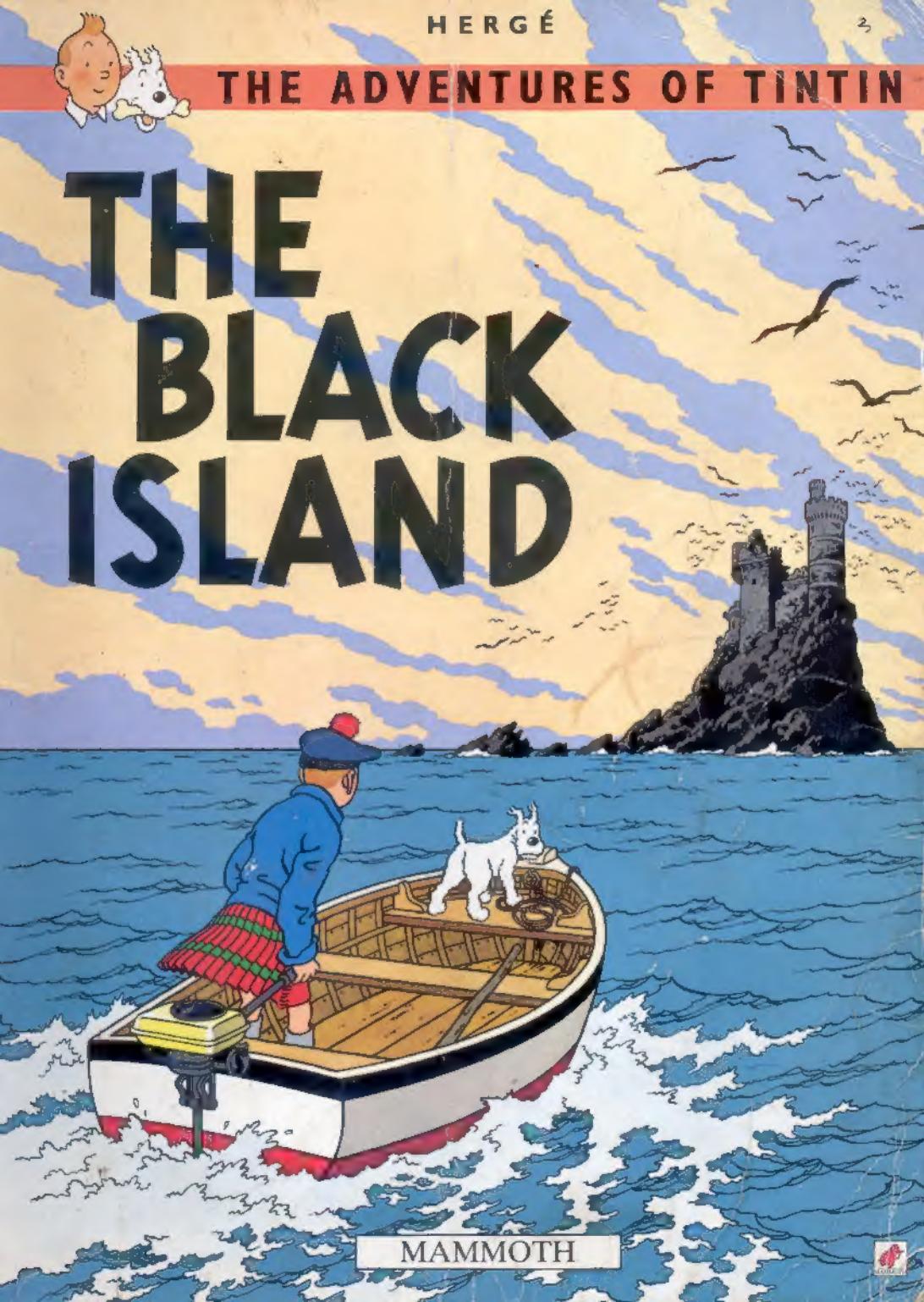


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THE ADVENTURES OF TINTIN

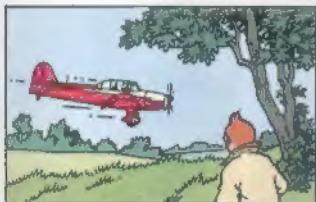
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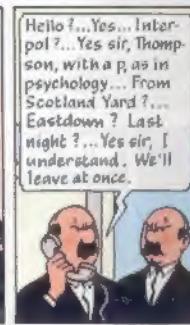
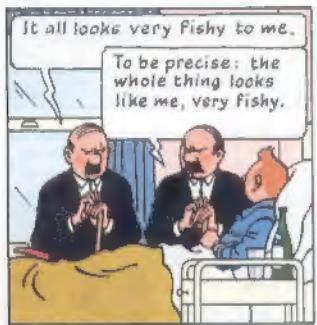
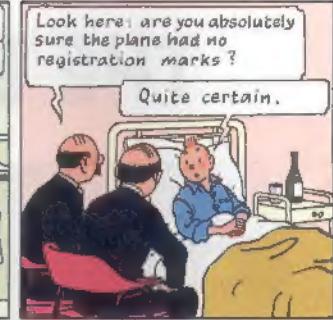


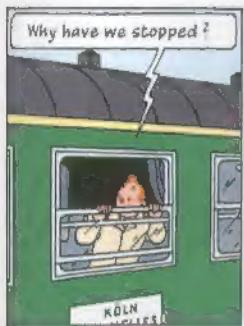
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No, only a few minutes. Nothing seriously wrong.







Aha! A cosh! Useful for knocking people on the head.

Robbery, too! Here's the poor man's wallet, in your other pocket.

I'm innocent, I tell you! It's a trick. Someone planted the cosh and the wallet in my pockets while I was asleep... I've never seen them before.

What else can we do Tintin? The evidence is all against you.

I agree.



He's given us the slip. Got away, with handcuffs, too. What a cheek!

To be precise: he's given us away. Slipped us the handcuffs, too. What a sneak!



An hour later...

Good! A village.  
Perhaps I can hire a  
car to take me to the  
coast.



Hello!

Tintin!



Stop him! Stop him!



Where's he gone?



Excuse me, sir. Have you seen a  
young man running past your house?



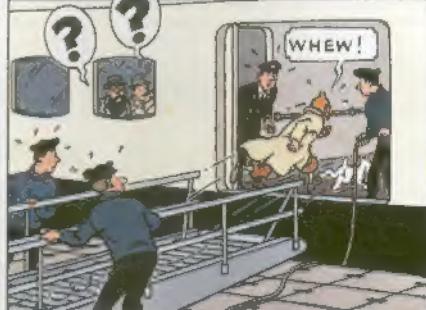
Let me see. A young man,  
you say. That'd be him I  
saw, with a little white  
dog. Going like the wind,  
he was. Hid himself among  
those trees, over there.



Snowy!

WOAAH  
WOAAH





Don't let him see us. We can't do anything here on the boat.



Let's see. We reach Dover in an hour's time. A train from there will get me to Littlegate at ten past five. Then I'll take a taxi to Eastdown from Littlegate station.



Can you drive me to Eastdown?

Yes, sir.



I'm glad to see you, Ivan... No time to explain. Follow that taxi.

Right!



Did you notice that car, Snowy... how it shot past us?



It's O.K., they're coming this way... Ready?



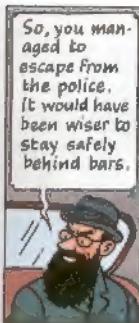
Going to be long, mate?

I... don't know... It's the brakes... Something wrong...



Fine!





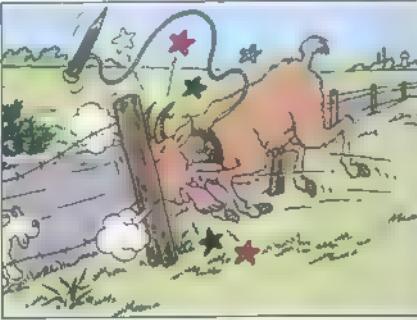
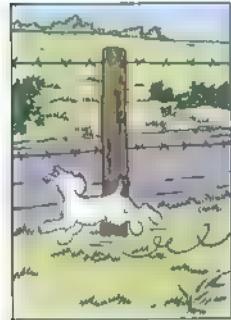
They're going to murder Tin-ein! Help! What can I do?

Go on, jump!

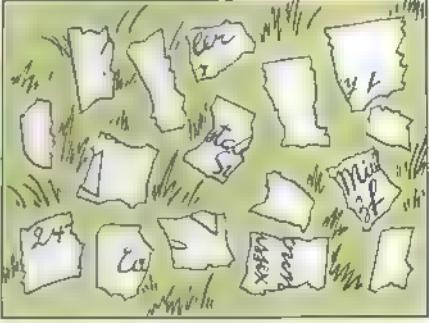
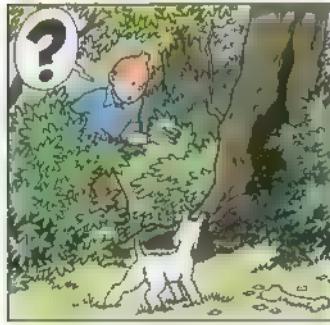
To make it look like an accident, I suppose?

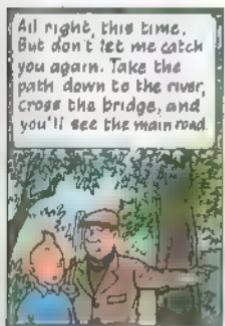
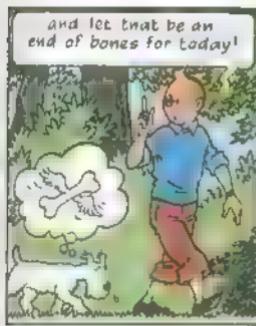
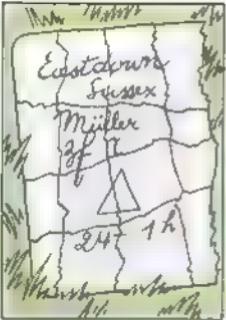
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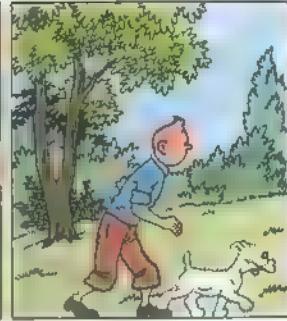
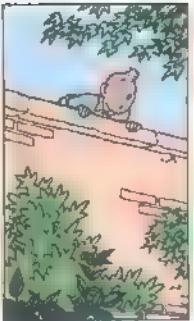


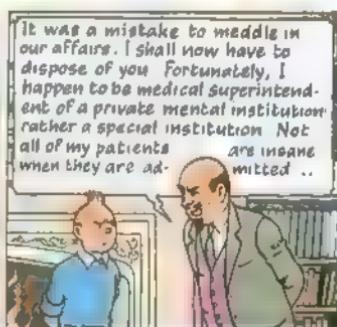
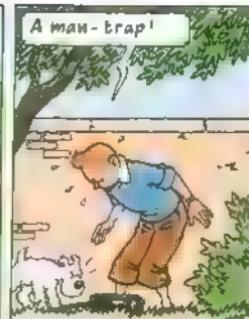






No one about. I'll take a look around.

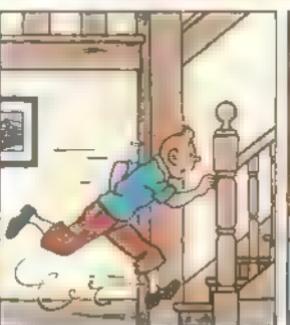
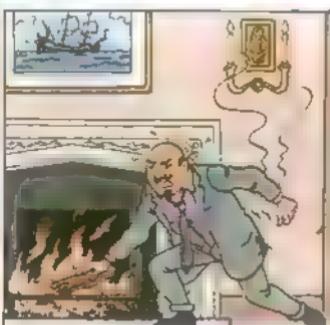


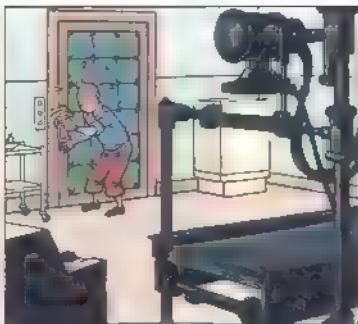


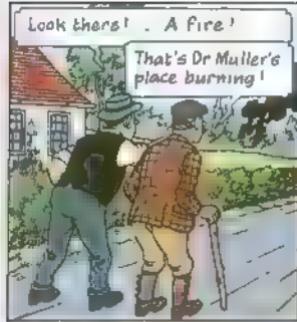


Qu ok, my  
automatic!







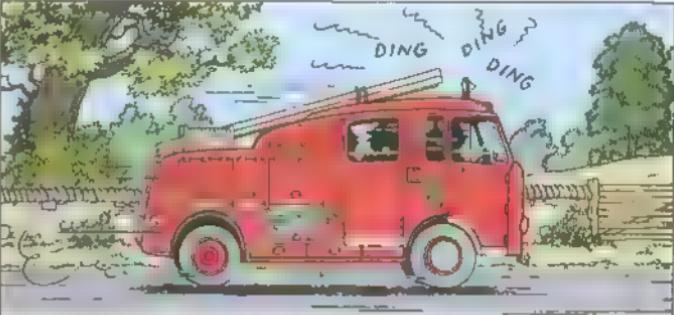




Goodness gracious! I've mixed them up. This isn't the key to the station!



So there you are, Fred. How many times have I told you that's the key to my jam cupboard!



What accursed luck! The fire brigade!



Anyone left inside the house, Doctor?



Fortunately not. We all escaped.



Woah! Woah! They must save Tintin! How can I make them understand? Woah!

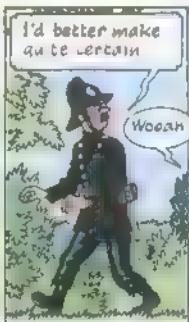


I must stop them at all costs, or they'll find him.

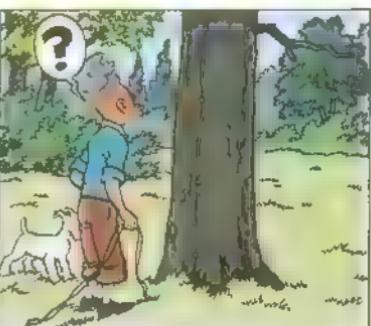


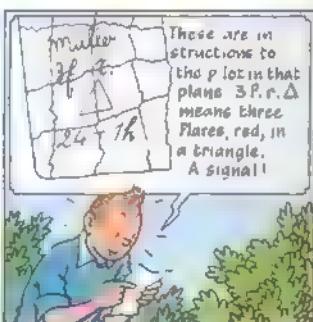
They're busy... now for it... no-one will notice me.





Next morning



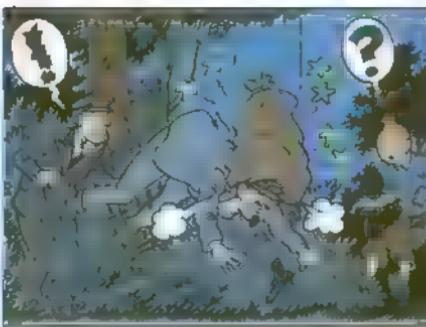


Good idea, chief!



Someone else's waiting for the plane! If they drop the load now we are finished!.. We have got to stop them. We must put out those lights. Here, help me to cut the wires.





Can I put my hands down now? I won't play any tricks

Wake up. That is'

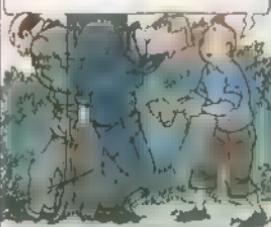
OHO!

Stupid fool! He trod on the rake and knocked himself out. I'll just take his gun

Golly, what can I do?



Necessity is the mother of invention, so they say. If you haven't any rope, use wire



Now for the sack. Let's see what they contain.



Great snakes! Banknotes!



Forgers! So that's your game. You'll go to gaol for this!



I'd better get about finding the other two sacks



There's one



?

EEK!

OWW!



They're getting away'



I'm an idiot! When they struggled, they caused a short-circuit and the wires burned



Hurry!



The car! They're getting away. Not a hope of stopping them... Unless...



It's my only chance... If they come this way, it's still possible

He'll break his neck!



Aha!



Steady now. I must time it precisely.



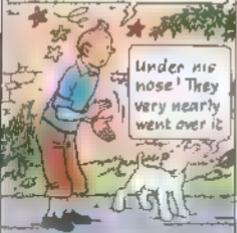
Whoops!



Why couldn't he use the gate, like me?... He always enjoys pretending to be an acrobat... Some people never learn!



To let them get away like that - right under my very nose



A car! I'll stop it!

PARP

PAARP



There's a car just ahead... crooks making a getaway... I simply must go after them...



We aren't exactly beating the land-speed record. We'll catch them provided they have a puncture!



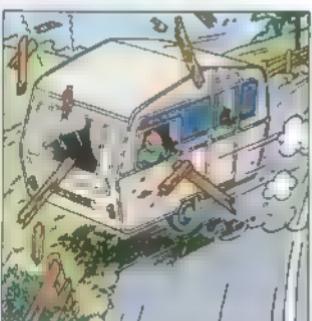
The old girl's a bit sluggish. We'll be OK when she warms up.



Don't I say so? Better already!



Now we're for it!



Now then, I'm booking you for camping on private property... And in the second place, you've been picking unauthorised fruit. And the third offence, swimming in a manner liable to cause a breach of the peace!



Oh well, there's no  
hope of catching  
them now



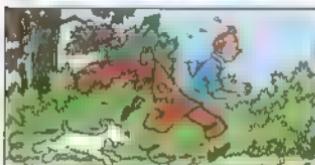
Look a swag!



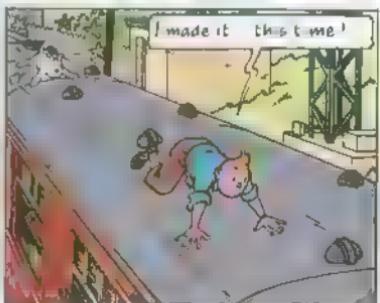
Great shakes! It's their car! Will you drop me here please?



The occupants?..  
Not a scratch. I saw  
them go off towards  
the railway station  
...



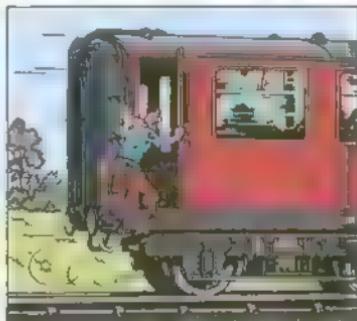
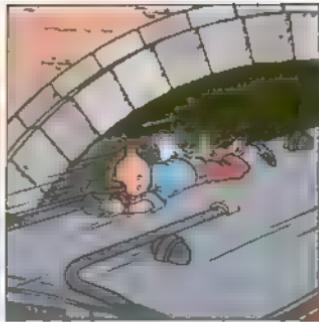
They're going to  
catch that train!



He'll go flat on  
his face again!  
Just watch!

Come on  
Snowy!

I made it that me!





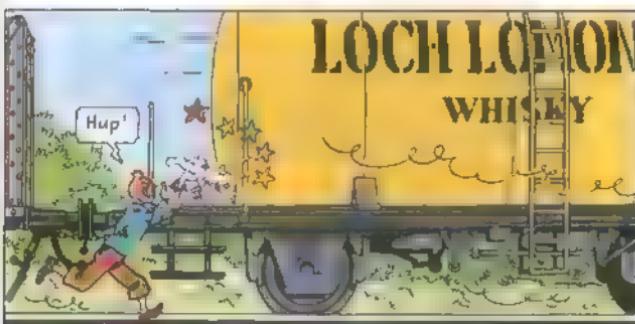
A little chicken for you, madam?

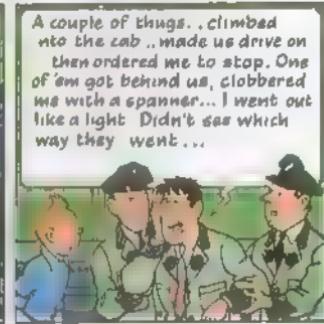
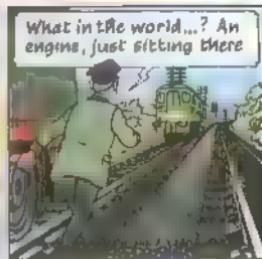
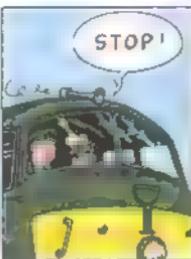
Ah!



Yes yes, I've almost finished

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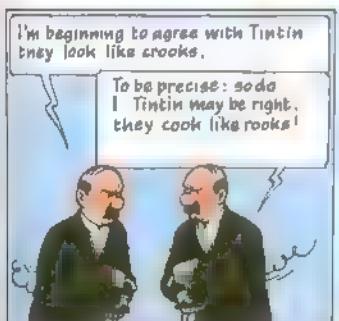


We know your little tricks!



So you say. In the meantime we're arresting you. The robbery on the train: or have you forgotten that little episode?





Come on! After them!  
That other machine  
over there... Quick!



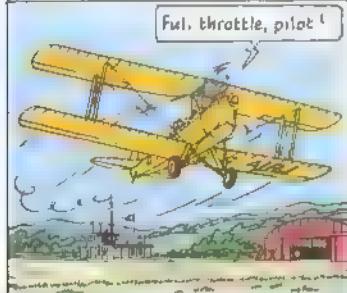
We're police officers. Start her up. We're taking off right away!



That's enough! No ifs or buts!  
We're the police, see? And we're  
commandeering this plane,  
and you to fly it!



Ful, throttle, pilot!



You can cut out the  
er... aerobatics!



I'm s-s-sorry, s-s-sir... I'm d-d-doing  
my b-best... It's the f-f-First time I've  
f-f-flown... I'm just the m-m-mechanic!



We'll soon be on their  
tail, unless...



Just as I feared...  
Running into cloud...



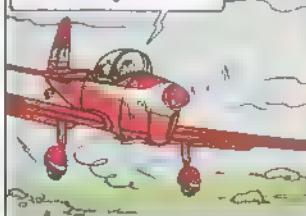
Rotten visibility... We've  
lost sight of them.



Have to land. We're  
near the coast... don't  
want to drop in the drink.

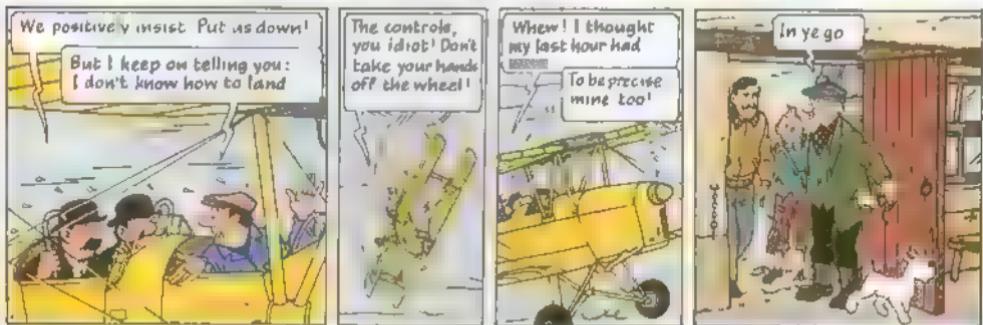


Doesn't look too rough.  
I'll have a go...



Aww! We're done for!





Snowy! Up to your old tricks again!



That certainly seems to be the best solution...

...And let this be a lesson, you drunken, disobedient dog!



Our friend has suggested that we spend the night here. It's getting late.

That's an invitation we'll certainly accept. How very kind of you!



Next morning

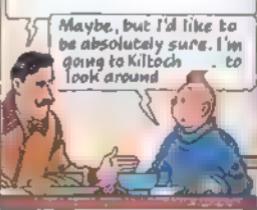
... The dense fog that blanketed the British Isles during the night caused a number of accidents ..



OFF the Scottish coast this morning, fishermen from Kiltoch discovered floating wreckage of a light aircraft registration G-AREI. There was no trace of the crew, who are presumed drowned.



G-AREI! ... The plane we followed: the same registration... Well, that puts paid to that. They're dead, poor devils



Maybe, but I'd like to be absolutely sure. I'm going to Kiltoch to look around

It's no above fifteen miles to Kiltoch. But mind ye keep to the path thra' the glen.

Thanks!



Fifteen miles that's quite a step. We shant get to Kiltoch before evening



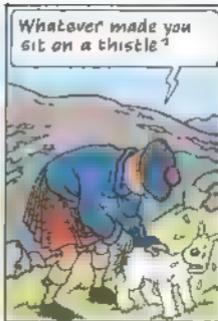
Snowy! Come here!

Wooah!



Wooah! Wooah!





The beast?  
... What  
beast?  
The Loch  
Ness  
Monster?

Haud yer whist, laddie.  
A'm spairin' o' the beast  
that bides on the Black  
Island, i' the ruins o'  
the castle o' Craig Dhu!  
The critter's for devourin'  
every man that's e'e bold  
astogang... near the place.

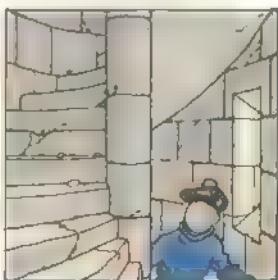
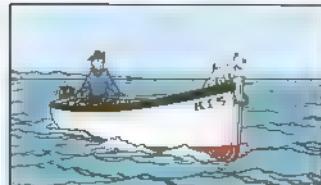
I mind... it'll be three months back,  
two young laddies were for explorin'  
the island, for a' our wurdz o'  
warnin'. They went off in a wee  
boat Dead Calm it was not a  
breath o' wund... And d'ye ken,  
they were niver haurd of agen!...  
And it'll be last year, a' Kiltach  
fisherman vanished w... out  
a sign

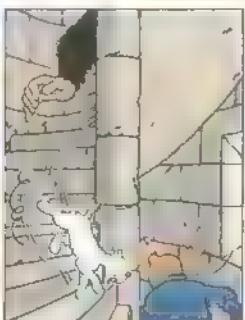
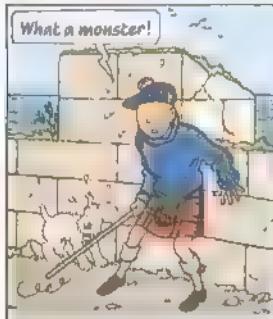
A dreich mist there was  
that day... Pur MacGregor!  
'Tis sure he ran aground on  
the island... and he's nae  
been seen since! And twa  
years back... och, but  
there's nae end to the tales  
o' them that's gone, pur  
sauls.

Och! 'Tis a terrible  
beast!... There's  
times in the nicht,  
when the wund's  
frae the sea, ya  
can hear it...  
Whist! Dye hear?

THUMP

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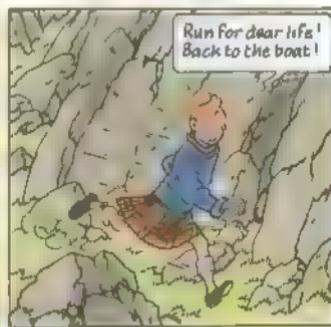
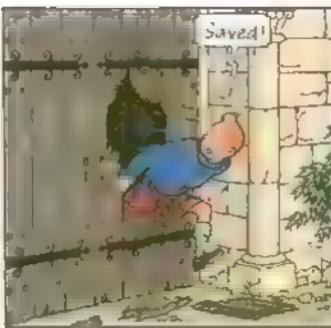
It's locked! ... We're caught in a trap!

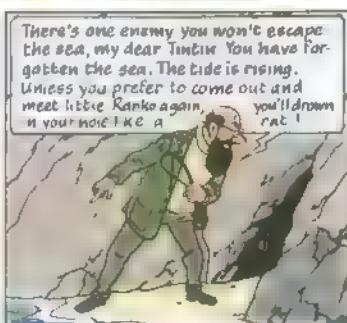
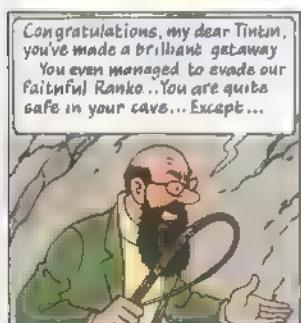
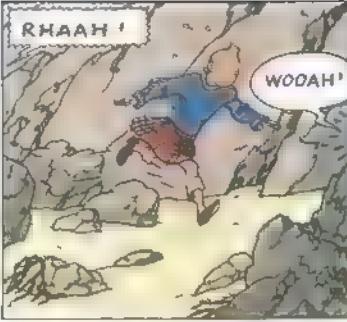
Come on, let's find another way out

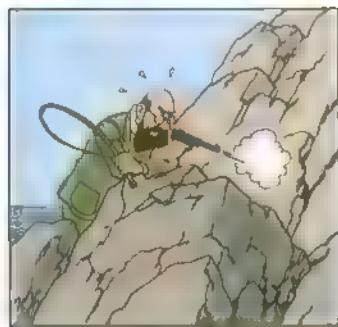
THUMP

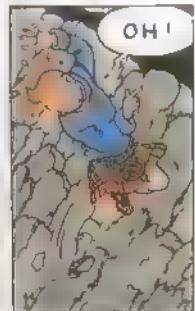
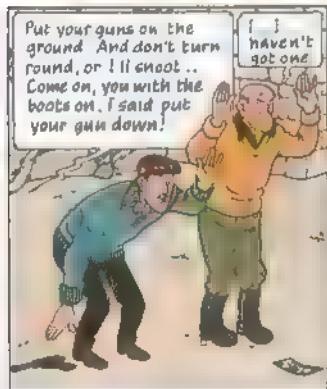
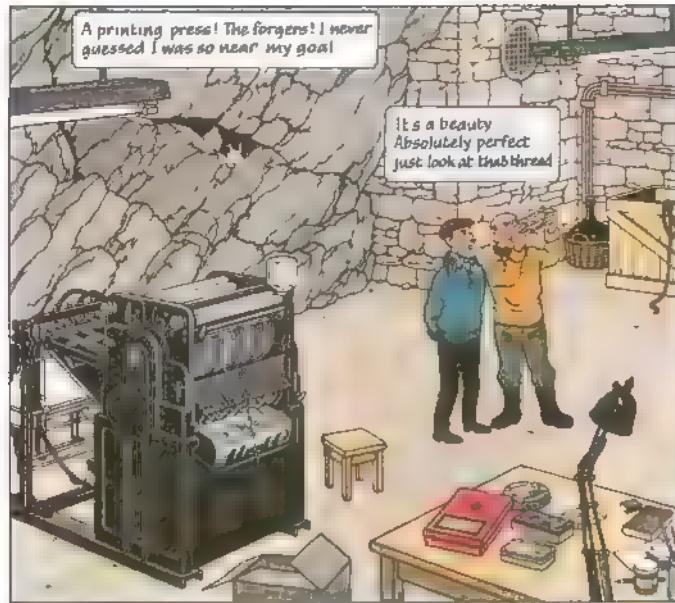
Too late!

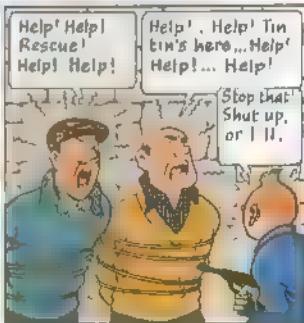
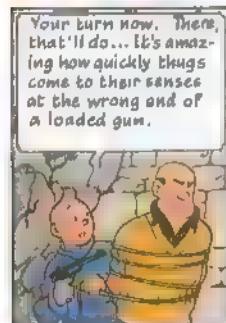




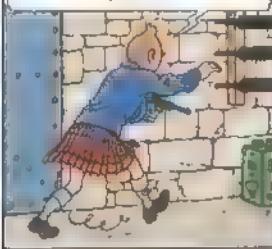






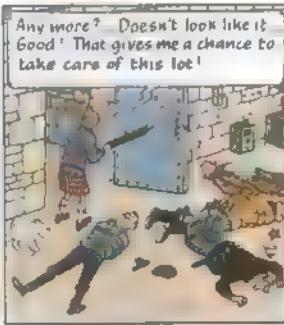
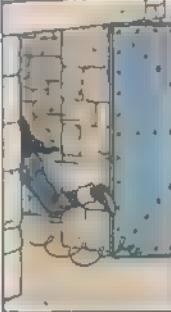


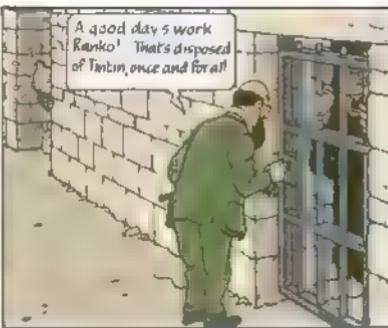
Quick! An ink roller. One of those will be more effective than an empty gun.



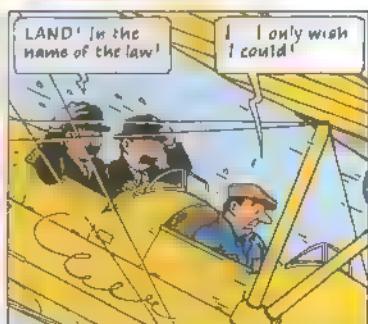
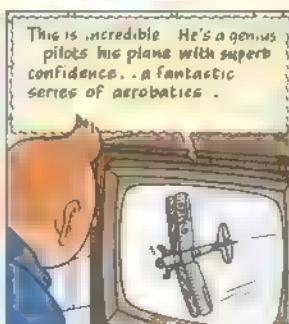
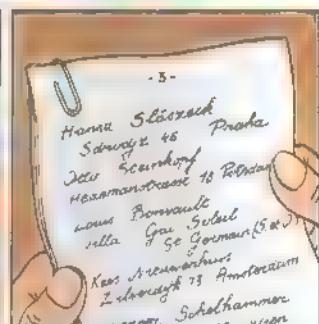
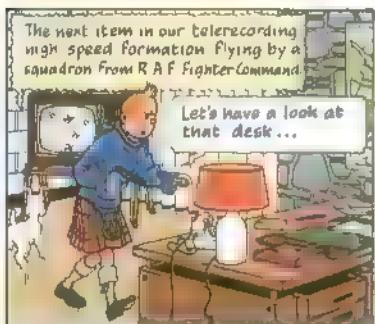
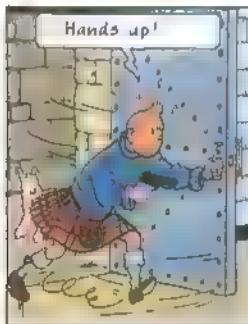
This is Tintin's handiwork, and no mistake! The schweinhund made off when he heard us coming. Go and warn the boss... And hurry!

My old friends... Dr Müller... and his man Ivan!









Now the plane comes roaring down, skims over the field and shoots up like a rocket .



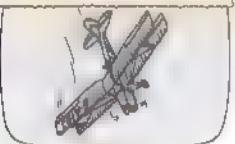
Stop! We want to get down, d'you hear ?



Now he's heading for the ground again .. and into another flawless loop he goes, then... Good heavens! one of the passengers has slipped out of his seat. This is terrible!



Whew! What a stunt! That really had us fooled!



And this time he really is coming down... He's going to land ... He's cut the motor



He touches down... the plane bounces



... and does one last hair raising somersault before it comes to rest in the centre of the field



A clear victory! The judges are unanimous . the aerobatic championship is yours!

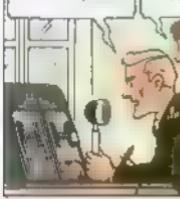


I mustn't waste time. Let's see what else they've got.



Police control. Police control. We are receiving you loud and clear. Come in please.

It's that secret transmitter.. The one we've been hunting for the past three months.



They can hear me!



Tintin calling the police. Tintin calling! I'm on the Black Island, off Kiltoon. I've rounded up a gang of forgers and am holding them here. Can you send a squad to pick them up? Over.



Police control. Police control. Message received and understood. We will send help at once. Good luck, Tintin. We'll keep in touch with you. Over and out!



Well that's that! The police will be here soon then we'll be able to say goodbye to the Black Island.

About time too. I've had enough of this medieval manageria!



Crumbs! He's managed to free himself!



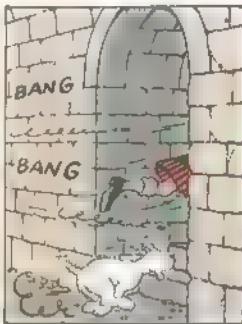
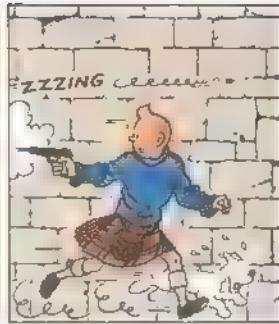
Now we're for it! The others will all be loose as well. We shall have the whole gang after us!



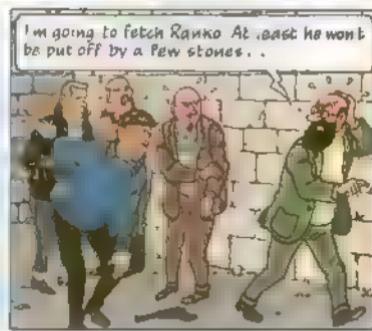
Quietly. Quietly. Here, load your guns. I don't want any mistakes this time!

Don't worry, we'll make him pay for what he did to us!





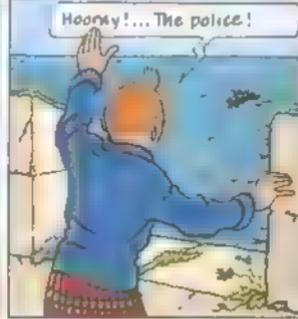
Thank goodness I've  
still got something

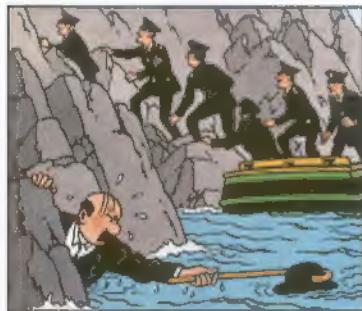
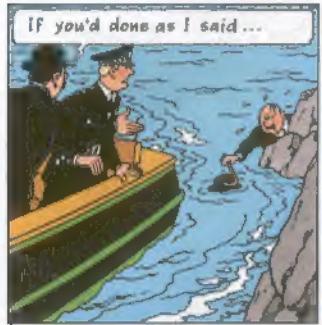


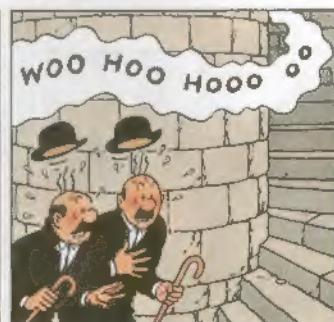
That seems to  
have cooled  
their enthusiasm...

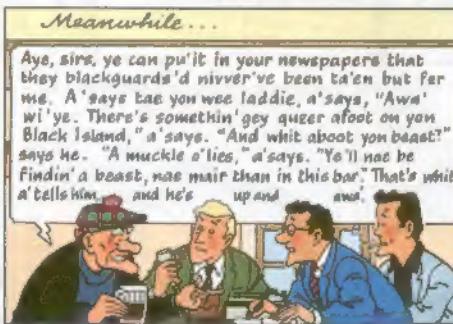


RRR  
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I can hear  
an engine











Young Reporter Hero of Black Island Drama

## FORGERS FOUND ON MYSTERY ISLE

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### Police Swoop on International Gang EXCLUSIVE PICTURES

FORGED notes so perfect  
even bank cashiers are  
fooled.

At Kiltach, handcuffed  
gang leaders are escorted  
to waiting Black Maria.

A sea dash by police ended  
in five arrests. Seen with  
hero reporter Tintin and  
lion-hearted dog Snowy,  
from left, Constables E.  
McGregor, T. W. Stewart,  
B. Robertson, A. MacLeod.

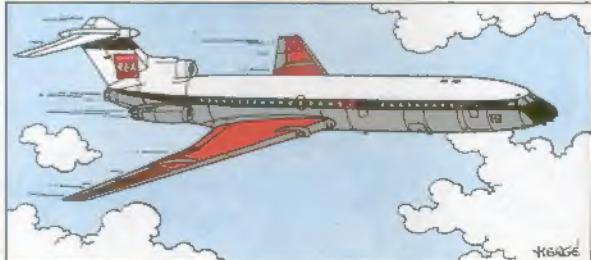
Black Island 'Beast' Ranko  
says goodbye to rescuer  
Tintin in a Glasgow zoo.  
Once trained to kill intruders  
at gang hideout, the  
monster gorilla, injured in  
battle on



Next morning...

You aren't coming  
back with me by air?

By air?... No thank  
you... To be precise:  
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pilots entirely ...  
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